News release

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Latest update to Met Office summer forecast

The latest seasonal forecast from the Met Office, updated today, still indicates that this summer is likely to be warmer than average.

Following the trend set throughout 2006 and the first part of 2007, seasonal forecasters say there is a high probability that summer temperature will exceed the 1971-2000 long-term average of 14.1 °C.

Current rainfall indications suggest that over the summer as a whole southern parts of the UK are more likely to experience average or below-average rainfall, while the north is more likely to see average or above-average rainfall.

Trevor Bishop, Head of Water Resources Management at the Environment Agency said: "Although water resources are generally in a healthy position, there's still no room for complacency. As summer approaches we shouldn't forget about saving water. An extended period of hot dry weather could start to put water supplies and the environment under pressure."

The Met Office works with the Environment Agency for England and Wales to review the water situation as we head into the summer. As well as water resource planning, the Met Office seasonal forecast is used in a wide range of sectors including the energy and financial markets.

Full Summer 2007 forecast

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